

## **HABITAT CONSERVATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

for the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

A regular meeting of the Habitat Conservation Technical Committee (TC) was held in the conference room of the Washington County Administration Building, **August 11, 2016.**

Members present were:

Cameron Rognan, Chairman  
John Kellam, Vice Chairman  
Ann McLuckie  
Kristen Comella  
Marshall Topham

Washington County HCP  
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR)  
Snow Canyon State Park (SCSP)  
Local Biologist

Absent and Excused was:

Nathan Brown

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Also present were:

Lacey McIntyre  
Celeste Maloy  
Jessica Mousley  
Kirk Willey

Washington County HCP Recorder  
Washington County Attorney's Office  
Sentierre  
Developer

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cameron Rognan noted a quorum existed and called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### a. **July 14, 2016**

**MOTION** by John Kellam to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Ann McLuckie.

Discussion: None.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

### 3. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### a. **Progress update and discussion on pending BLM access right of way in Dammeron Valley**

Local Developer Kirk Willey updated the committee on his proposed southern access project in Diamond Valley. He first mentioned he presented his project to the HCAC. He then mentioned a few updates from the BLM. John Kellam presented Exhibit 3-a-2,

which is a tortoise observation map in the proposed area which was obtained from the state database. The committee discussed the BLM tortoise survey of the area which will be done at the end of the month. Mr. Willey began discussing mitigation and compensation, however, Ann McLuckie interjected saying perhaps the committee should take a step back. She asked Mr. Willey if he inquired about a variance. Mr. Willey met with Commissioner Renstrom, who said he did not feel a variance would be issued. He also consulted with Ron Whitehead, Washington County Public Works, who sent a letter regarding the variance. The letter is not an official rejection of a variance from the planning committee. Committee members felt it was imperative that Mr. Willey go through the process with the planning committee and get a formal variance decision. Ann mentioned again to take a step back and discuss if there was ever a motion made by the TC to recommend or not recommend this road. Cameron mentioned the process the TC is going through now is in preparation for making a recommendation for or against this project to deliver to the HCAC. Mr. Willey discussed mitigation options and supplied the committee with packet 3-a-1. The packet included the above mentioned letter from Mr. Whitehead, a map of a mitigation option on SITLA land, and a map of the Cinder Cone trail that crosses into his private property. After much discussion the committee agreed to go through the MOG ratio as a committee next meeting. Ann again expressed her lack of support for this project and wanted to make note of that fact.

**MOTION** by Kristen Comella (1) the UDWR and BLM will be doing the tortoise survey on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, (2) Mr. Willey is to formally pursue a variance with the County, (3) contingent on those items being done, in the next meeting the committee will formally go through the MOG assignment, and (4) the committee's actions will be reported back to the HCAC. There is no formal recommendation regarding this project at this time, however the committee will make a recommendation determined by the completion of and information gained from the above items.

Seconded by John Kellam.

Discussion: None.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

**b. Discussion and possible action on trail alignments at Sentierre**

Kristen apologized and asked to continue this item to the next meeting.

**4. OTHER REPORTS FROM TC MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**a.** Ann asked for an update regarding signage at Pioneer Park. Cameron mentioned a group of eagle scouts is working on a project at Pioneer Park, and there may be some interest in a signage project as well.

**5. NEXT MEETING DATES**

**a. September 8, 2016**

The committee moved the meeting to September 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. They discussed making the committee meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 1pm.

**6. ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by John Kellam to adjourn.

Seconded by Kristen Comella.

Discussion: None.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.  
Minutes prepared by Lacey McIntyre.